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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA

REF: A. STATE 206048 B. LOME 1832.

1. TOGOLESE AMBASSADOR MAWUSSI CALLED AT DEPARTMENT ON HIS INITIATIVE NOVEMBER 6 FOR BRIEFING ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA. BRIEFING WAS FOLLOWUP TO DEPARTMENT'S DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUNLEDE, REPORTED REFTEL A, IN WHICH MAWUSSI PARTICIPATED.

2. MAWUSSI SURPRISED LEARN AMBASSADOR DICKINSON INFORMED OCTOBER 2 BY HUNLEDE THAT HE AND PRESIDENT EYADEMA HAD DECIDED TOGO WILL ABSTAIN (REFTEL B). MAWUSSI HINTED TOGOLESE PERMREP TOGBE HAS RECEIVED NO SUCH INSTRUCTIONS. MAWUSSI PLANS VISIT TOGBE LATER THIS WEEK, WHEN HE WILL UNDERTAKE QUOTE SOUNDAGE UNQUOTE TO DETERMINE WHAT
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INSTRUCTIONS TOGBE HAS RECEIVED. MAWUSSI PLANS SPEAK

SUBSEQUENTLY BY TELEPHONE WITH HUNLEDE IN PARIS.

3. AMBASSADOR BELIEVED UNGA RULES REQUIRE STATE PLANNING TO ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION IT HAD SPONSORED TO WITHDRAW SPONSORSHIP. WHILE URGING THAT TOGO WITHDRAW SPONSORSHIP OF ALGERIAN RESOLUTION, DEPTOFF SAID UNGA RULES OF PROCEDURE DO NOT PRECLUDE ABSTENTION OR NEGATIVE VOTE IF TOGO DECIDED WITHDRAWAL OF SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE TOO EMBARRASSING. DEPTOFF ALSO NOTED THAT SHOULD A SPONSORING MEMBER ABSTAIN OR VOTE AGAINST A RESOLUTION THE INCONSISTENCY OF THIS ACTION MIGHT INDICATE THE DESIRABILITY OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION. ON BALANCE, DEPTOFF URGED, WOULD BE PREFERABLE FROM TACTICAL VIEWPOINT TO WITHDRAW SPONSORSHIP IF ABSTENTION OR NEGATIVE VOTE FINALLY DECIDED ON BY GOT.

4. MAWUSSI EXPLAINED THAT ANALYSIS OF KOREAN QUESTION IN LOME IS COLORED BY FACT MANY TOGOLESE, PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL EWE COMMUNITY, REGARD TOGO AS DIVIDED COUNTRY. THESE EWES AND OTHERS REFUSE ACCEPT VALIDITY OF 1956 PLEBISCITE IN WHICH RESIDENTS BRITISH TOGOLAND VOTED JOIN GHANA RATHER THAN TOGO AS INDEPENDENCE NEARED. ALTHOUGH LOGICAL LINKAGE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, MAWUSSI MAINTAINS THIS HISTORY MAKES SOME TOGOLESE, INCLUDING TOGBE, WHO IS AN EWE, SYMPATHETIC TO NORTH KOREAN ARGUMENT THAT KOREA SHOULD NOT BE ADMITTED UNTIL KOREAN NATION REUNITED.

5. AMBASSADOR APPEARED INTERESTED BY POSSIBILITY VOTE ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION COULD BE PRECLUDED, IF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION CONSIDERED FIRST AND ACCEPTED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DEPTOFF MADE POINT TOGOLESE SUPPORT FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION COULD BE INCONSPICUOUS.

6. COMMENT - MAWUSSI SAYS HE WANTS AVOID REPETITION CHIREP VOTE WHEN, ALLEGEDLY DUE FAULTY COMMUNICATIONS, PREVIOUS TOGOLESE PERMREP VOTED CONTRARY TO ASSURANCES GIVEN AMBASSADOR DICKINSON BY HUNLEDE. MAWUSSI APPEARS CONCERNED REPETITION COULD DAMAGE HIS RELATIONS WITH USG. WHILE WE WELCOME THIS CONCERN, MAWUSSI'S CHANCES INFLU-
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ENCING TOGBE'S VOTING, WHICH PROBABLY REFLECTS TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT INTENT RATHER THAN COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS, MOST UNCERTAIN. RUSH

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